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From John Bower's Collection-Air, "Oh, Susannah."

I dreamed a dream the other night, When all around was still; I thought I saw my cottage white

Upon yon flow'ry hill;
The grass-plat green before the door,
The porch with vines o'ergrown, Were lovely as they were before,

When that cottage was my own When that cottage was my own.
Chorus—Oh, rumseller! that home,
That home of thine,
That pleasant home, that happy home,
That cottage home was mine. The gravel walks so white and straight,

With flower banks on each side, That led down to the wicket gate. Where Willie used to ride; The locusts o'er the path that grew, The willow boughs that swayed,

The silver lake, so calm and clear, So often with my Lucy dear, To watch the sunlight fade; The pearly streams that sweetly run,

That there my Mary played.

The garden's foot along,

And murmuring fount as bright as they, All sang the mournful song The window toward the garden gate,

That looked out to the west,
Where that loved being used to wait, Who made my home so blest, Was closed—the sombre curtain hung, And no loved form was there, Nor voice the evening song that sung, Or breathed the evening prayer.

Silence hung round that happy home, My laughing children used to come And dance around my knee; And she, who was that home's delight,

In constant beauty shone Around the cheerful hearthstone bright-Now all was still and lone. Yes, that loved wife has gone to rest,

In death her heart is bound; Her babes are sleeping on her breast, Beneath yon grassy mound;
And I am wandering lone and strange,

No master of my will-My home, my happy home is changed To a home behind the still.

UISCELLANEOUS.

What Encouragement does for Children.

How many parents make a sad mistake in considering their duty done if they reprove or correct their children when in fault. They go upon the principle that to do right tition than a thousand reproofs for a contratirely from the cage, and the next instant, tain ourselves any longer, we burst into his mother kissed him eagerly when he down the shaft, a perpendicular depth of it with rage, grinned at us through a very his baby sister, remarked: "That kiss of the unfortunate men and boys were, after the baby squealed and jumped to her breast, farmer boy, whose impulses were good, but in a shockingly mutilated condition. Two he had only been accustomed to hear his of the men killed, named Sullivan and off with a bound, papa followed and covertrivial faults spoken of, and he finally came Kenwich, leave families. The other two, to consider that the only acts he could do one of whom was named Brennan, were unworthy of notice were bad ones, and he married. The names of the two boys we lost all ambition to try to do well. But on have not learned. one occasion the boy overheard a conversation in an adjoining room, between his mother and the family physician. The physician, partly in flattery to the mother it is true, remarked that "her boy was a bright lad, with good sympathies, and would doubtless make a good and great man," or words to that effect. The expression sunk deep into the child's heart. The fact that one, for whose opinion he had great respect, thought it possible for him to accomplish anything worthy, stirred his ambition, and he made a new resolve to be not only great but also good. He has since filled many stations of usefulness in society and in the church, and we have often heard him attribute all efforts he had made to do right, to those simple words of the physi-

Take another instance: A little lad received from an uncle the gift of two pennies. These were to him quite a treasure, for pocket money was something he knew nothing of. Some time after a missionary agent called, and pictured in glowing terms the visit of the Flat-head Indians who that she felled him to the ground. She came from beyond the Rocky Mountains in search of the White-man's book that told about the Great Spirit. The little boy listened to the narrative until his sympathies became interested, and going to his mother he asked for one of his pennies which she had kept laid away for him, and brought it to the agent to help buy Bibles for the poor Indians. The agent, who was a venerable minister, took the lad upon his knee and talked to him of Zacheus who gave half of his goods to the poor, and expressed a hope that he too would perhaps sometime teach the word of God to the heathen. The boy was previously of a nervous, desponding temperament, and had few lofty aspirations, or rather hopes; but he was changed from that hour. If so good a man Leviathan, are being built at that city.

as he thought the minister to be, had ventured to hope that he could ever accomplish anything, he would certainly try. A few subsequent words that the best way to be good is to seek an interest in the Saviour's precious blood, and the aid of the Holy Spirit in striving to follow the example of Christ's life on earth, was the means of leading that boy to seek, and ever after strive to pursue an exalted christian course of conduct. We have heard him attribute all his future efforts for the good of others, to the simple incident we have related in his own words. Could we trace back to their sources, the springs of human actions how many thousands of instances could be found, where a single word has influenced all future action. We have often compared these influences, trifling in themselves, to the tongue (i. e., the "frog moved by the switch") upon the railroad track, which one can move with his finger; yet it is the point which keeps the ponderous engine upon the straight track, or if wrongly placed, starts it aside, when it is perhaps soon hurled down a steep embankment to certain de-

Parents, watch these turning points in your child's life; and while you reprimand for errors, do not forget to mingle words of encouragement. - American Agriculturist.

Terrible Accident .- We are pained to announce the occurrence of a sad catastrophe, the result it is to be feared, of carelessness. It appears that about noon on Tuesday of last week, five men and two boys ascended the shaft at the Thompsontown colliery, in a car resting on a cage. When within a few inches of the top, a pin on which the cage rests when it reaches the top, was pulled out too soon, and the car was not on a level with the platform sufficiently to permit it to be rolled off the cage. In this position two of the wheels of the car were rolled off the cage; but it was found im- then she would clutch the little rascal and possible to get the other wheels off. A roll over with him in all the joyousness signal was given to the engineer, who of a young mother, and he shrieked, pouted is no more than the child's duty, needing could not see the position of the cage, to and caressed as any little boy might have no praise. A word of approval for a good hoist a little. Unfortunately, it was hoist- done; the whole scene was a burlesque act, often does more to encourage its repe- ed too high; the car tilted, was freed en- upon human nature. Unable to conry course. The distinguished painter, with its freight of precious lives, consist- roars of laughter. The father leaped at Benjamin West, referring to the fact that ing of four men and two boys, was dashed once on a neighboring branch, and shaking showed her a likeness he had sketched of two hundred and forty feet. The remains spiteful set of teeth; the lady screamed; made me a painter." We knew a little ter the occurrence, removed to the surface

> This is one of the most terrible mining accidents which has ever happened in this county, and we grieve to say that it is one attributable alone to carelessness. If miners themselves would only, as a body, be as careful as their employers and bosses are solicitous for their safety, we should not be called on so often to note these distressing casualities .- Miners' Journal,

> A Highwayman Thrashed by a Girl .-As a peasant-girl named Melaine Robert, daughter of a small farmer near Corbeil, France, was proceeding to Essonnes, lately, a man armed with a thick stick suddenly presented himself and summoned her to give up her money. Pretending to be greatly alarmed, she hastily searched her pocket, and collecting some small pieces of coin, held them out to the man, who, without distrust, approached to take them; but the moment he took the money, Melaine made a sudden snatch at the stick, and wresting it from his hand, dealt him so violent a blow with it across the head then gave him a sound thrashing, and in spite of his resistance, forced him to ac-

> company her to the Commissary Police. If all the ladies would act as spiritedly as Miss Melaine, they might safely walk alone at night, and not compel ungallant grumblers to escort them. We don't know however, that it is not better there are not many Miss Melaines. Husbands would have a hard time of it; the wives who now only use the tongue would use the broomstick, and those who now flourish the broamstick would get bolder and take to

A Liverpool (England) paper says that two vessels, of greater length than the

In the afternoon we used to paddle gen tly up "Monkey Creek," to enjoy the cool shade of the forest and amuse ourselves. Passing clear of the belt of the Mangrove,

we soon floated among the luxuriant vegetation of the Indian jungle, the underwood here and there giving place to small patches of grass or weed. Large alligators which had been ashore on either bank, launched themselves slowly into the creek or turned round and kept a steady watch with their cruel looking yellow eyes. Bright colored iguanas and strange shaped lizards shuffled along the banks, or lay on the branches of trees, puffing themselves up so as to look like nothing earthly; the shrill call of the pea hen, and the eternal chattering of monkeys gave life and animation to the scenes. Pushing our canoe in amongst the overhanging wild vines and creepers so as to hide her, we sat quietly awaiting the monkeys, and it was not long before they commenced their gambols to attempt to frighten us; a string of black ones came breaking through the trees with frantic cries, and threw themselves across the creek and back again with amazing energy; then a hoarse sound made us turn suddenly to meet the gaze of a face-almost human, with a long grey beard, which was earnestly watching us through the foliage of a withered tree; bring a gun to

clapped its little arms round her neck, and

its legs around her chest, and then she was

ing up her retreat with venomous grins at

Mining Localities Peculiar to Califor-

Snow Point.

Paradise,

Gas Hill.

Nary Red,

Wild Cat Bar,

Dead Mule Canon,

Blue Belly Ravine,

Dead Man's Bar,

Wild Goose Flat,

Ladies' Valley,

Shinbone Peak,

Gridiron Bar,

Gospel Gulch,

Lousy Ravine,

Hungry Camp,

Mud Springs,

Git-up-and-git,

American Hollow,

Stud Horse Canon,

Pancake Ravine.

Bob Ridley Flat,

Centipede Hollow,

One Eye, Chucklehead Diggings,

Seven by Nine Valley,

Petticoat Slide,

Nutcake Camp,

Mount Zion,

Puppytown,

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Gopher Flat,

Gold Hill.

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Logtown, Cavote Hill,

Skinflint,

Graveyard Canon,

Seven-up Ravine.

Hen Roost Camp, Loafer's Retreat,

Humpback Slide,

Lazy Man's Canon,

Swellhead Diggings,

Chicken Thief Flat,

Sluice Fork.

Brandy Flat,

nia.-In Put's Golden Songster-a collec-

Jim Crow Canon,

MONKEYS AT MALACCA.

the shoulder, and the old man's head would be seen to leap away upon the disproportionate body of some ape. But nothing could equal in ludicrous interest, a family monkey scene taking place in some clear spot at the base of a tree. There, a respect-

table papa might be seen seated against the roots, overlooking the gambols of his child. while with a fond solicitude his better half. a graceful female monkey, was employed turning aside the tufts of grass, as if seeking for nuts or berries for the little one.

us, whom he evidently regarded as only a superior breed of apes .- Quehah, by Capt. tion of original California songs, there is the following curious list of localities pcculiar to that State:

> Happy Valley, Ground Hog's Glory, Red Dog, Hell's Delight, Jackass Gulch Devil's Basin. Bogus Thunder. Dead Wood Last Chance. Miller's Defeat, Gouge Eye, Greenhorn Canon, Loafer Hill, Puke Ravine Shanghai Hill, Mad Canon, Plug-head Gulch, Shirt tail Canon. Guano Hill, Slap Jack Bar. Skunk Gulch. Rattlesnake Bar, Quack Hill. Coon Hollow, Muderer's Bar, Whisky Bar, Pepper-Box Flat, Poor Man's Creek,

Poverty Hill, Nigger Hill, Humbug Canon, Greasers' Camp, Seventy-Six, Bloomer Hill, Grizzly Flat, Ragtown. Pike Hill, Liberty Hill, Poker Flat.

Christian Flat, Rough and Ready, Hog's Diggings, Rat Trap Slide, Sugar Loaf Hill.

Love Letter Camp.

For the Gazette.

KILLING BIRDS, SQUIRRELS, &c. There are these who allow themselves to be called men, and even members of a church, who, whenever they happen to see a bird hopping around merrily on a tree or fence and warbling its delightful lays, or a squirrel frisking about on a tree, are so destitue of all humane feelings as to kill, wantonly, these creatures that were created by an almighty hand to live and fulfil their destiny. I have seen boys, and even persons who were grown up-I will not call them men, however-shout ing, and throwing stones and clubs, and making noise enough, while in hot pursuit of a defenceless little squirrel, to be heard about a fourth of a mile, inducing some of their more peaceable neighbors to believe that they

had become crazy, or that "the man with the

poker" was after them.

But the poor innocent birds must also beware of these wolves, for persons of this cast of mind think it is a small thing to pick up a stone and kill them whenever they have an opportunity to do so, and then perhaps leave their lifeless bodies lying on the ground to be devoured by flies and worms. It might be supposed that an Arab or a wild Hottentot would perhaps behave thus, but it is a sad thought indeed that such uncalled for cruelty should be practiced in a civilized country. How can a sane person ever take delight in thus killing the beautiful and useful birds and squirrels? O, base cruelty! thus to destroy birds that render our forests, our groves, and our fields vocal by their life-awakening songs. O, base cruelty! to destroy, for sport, the little squirrels that inhabit our woodlands and our fields, and give rational beings lessons of industry and peacefulness. Boys, take a warning; never kill the birds or squirrels for sport. How lonely would be the fields and groves without the soft, sweet, and melodious strains which you hear the birds sing, and how pleasant it is to see the little squirrels skipping around on the trees and Birds and squirrels, like everything else that was created, were created for some useful purpose. Then let them live.

A Lover of the Beautifue. Near Belleville, July 2, 1858.

For the Gazette. NOTES ON SCHOOLS.

Mr. Editor-For the benefit of teachers, I send you the result of my observations on schools, taken while traveling through the State of Ohio, which, if you think proper, you can lay before your readers.

In some respects, the people of this State are in advance of us, while in others they are still far behind. One of their commendable advancements is the large number of neat and convenient school houses built within the last few years. Every township has a section of land granted to it, permanently, for the use of schools, which relieves the citizens from the usual heavy tax for building purposes. All the schools are supplied with public libraries, which are also donations from the State. As regards the literal qualifications of

teachers, they compare favorably with those of almost any other State. The examinations are commonly pretty strict, no certificates being granted to any who are not well versed in the common English branches. This has expelled most of the impostors among teach But as an offset to this the art of teaching, or imparting their knowledge to their pupils, seems very imperfectly under-stood by many. When they have put in their time they can draw their money, which appears to be the end of their object. But their indifference is less surprising when we consider that there is no officer whose duty it is to superintend and examine schools to see that they are rightly conducted. I am not to be understood, however, that all are such, for in towns where schools are under the direction of competent persons, they are generally flourishing. I think I never saw much better conducted schools than those in Urbana, under the supervision of our zealous friend of education, Mr. Deuel. This only verifies what we have said before in regard to the utility of

County Superintendents. Females are mostly employed during the summer season for various reasons, one of which is on account of the low salaries for which they can be had, and in some instances we thought these were shamefully low.

Teachers' Institutes are held in nearly every county, which last from two to four weeks and sometimes much longer, but I have not heard that District Associations have ever heen held, and I venture to say that a majority of teachers have never yet seen a work on education or teaching.
Madisonburg, Ohio, July, 1858.

NOTICE.—We, the undersigned, give notice, agreeably to the laws of Pennsylvania, that we intend making application to the next session of the Legislature of Pennsylvania for the incorporation of a Bank, to be located in the borough of Lewistown, county of Mifflin, and State of Pennsylvania, under the name, style and title of "THE MIFFLIN COUNTY BANK," issue to be secured by bond and mortgage on real estate to be appraised by three men appointed by the Governor, at three-fourths its cash value, and joint and separate liability of all the stockholders, to have general banking and discounting privileges, with a capital of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, with the privilege of increasing it to Five Hundred Thousand

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